



2021

Dog License & Off-Leash Permit

Visit us on-line at:



**[newtonma.gov/government/
city-clerk/dog-licensing](https://newtonma.gov/government/city-clerk/dog-licensing)**

**Dogs residing in Newton must be licensed by
April 1st every year.**

Reasons to License Your Dog:

- 1. IT'S THE LAW!** Living in Newton brings many lifestyle advantages and cultural rewards, but there also responsibilities. Good citizens get their dogs licensed.
- 2.** By licensing your dog, it assures the community that you care about your dog's welfare and took proper steps to vaccinate against rabies.
- 3.** If your dog is lost, a license is the fastest way to find you.
Even if your dog is microchipped, a license tag is immediately visible and does not require a scanning device.
- 4.** A dog license is just \$10/\$15 if your dog has been spayed or neutered [or \$60/\$65 Off-Leash]. The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$50.00.

For all details regarding Newton's Off-Leash program and any updates, please visit the City website at:

<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/parks-recreation-culture/off-leash-dog-parks>

Or call the Parks & Rec Department at 617-796-1500

Newton Rabies Clinic Dates

Rabies Vaccination Clinics sponsored by the Health & Human Services Department for the City of Newton, have been placed on hold indefinitely. Should the clinics be rescheduled, they will be advertised and held at Fire Station #4-195 Crafts Street.



Dogs & cats must be caged or leashed and escorted by someone over age 14. Vaccinations are \$20 per. Visit the Newton Health Department: <http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/health/public/rabies.asp>

Pet Safety in an Emergency

Newton cares about your pet, so please be prepared in case of an emergency. Keep a file with:



- ♦ A photo of your pet (with you in the photo)
- ♦ Current Rabies Certificate
- ♦ Current Printed Dog License

Newton Massachusetts Animal Response Team (NMART) will operate shelters for pets in case of large scale emergencies or disasters. Visit Animal Control: www.newtonpolice.com/nmart/index.html

There are 7 Off-Leash Permitted Locations: ★ = Fully Fenced In

Braceland Playground: Chestnut St. [bottom tier]

★ **Cabot Park:** Newtonville Ave. [corner entrance]

Clafin Playground: Lowell Ave. [gate entrance]

★ **Hunnewell Park:** Grasmere St. [off Hunnewell Ave. parallel to MA Pike]

★ **McGrath Park:** Washington St. [gate entrance]

Newton Centre Playground: Bowen St./Centre St./Homer St./Tyler Ter. [entrances]

Old Cold Spring Park: Beacon St. [entrance and follow trail]

- ♦ Keep your dog leashed prior to entering and upon exiting.
- ♦ Do not leave your dog unattended, unattended dogs will be impounded by the Newton Police.
- ♦ You are responsible for immediately removing and properly disposing of any fecal waste deposited by your dog.
- ♦ Your dog must wear a collar with their off-leash dog license tag at all times.
- ♦ Dogs must be at least six months old to visit the off-leash parks. Unspayed dogs in heat, not permitted.



For details regarding off-leash parks and any updates, visit Parks, Recreation & Culture: <https://www.newtonma.gov/government/parks-recreation-culture>